

**To:** Stavnes, Sandra[Savnes.Sandra@epa.gov]  
**From:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn  
**Sent:** Sat 8/15/2015 11:55:53 PM  
**Subject:** Re: JIC/EOC ACTION: WALL STREET JOURNAL: DEADLINE ASAP

Thanks! Hopefully things will remain calm. Enjoy the rest of your weekend!

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On Aug 15, 2015, at 5:41 PM, Stavnes, Sandra <[Savnes.Sandra@epa.gov](mailto:Savnes.Sandra@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks Laura. It has been quiet. I will check emails through the weekend. If you need me tomorrow call my cell Personal Phone/Ex. 6

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 15, 2015, at 8:55 AM, Jenkins, Laura Flynn <[Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov](mailto:Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov)> wrote:

Sandy:

I'm in the office today until at least noon so if I can of any assistance, please let me know. Lisa will cover the afternoon/evening and I'll cover Sunday. I can be reached at: 202-360-8453 (c) or 303-312-6256 (w).

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**From:** StClair, Christie  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 8:45 PM  
**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn; Press; EOC Public Information  
**Cc:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Stavnes, Sandra; Mylott, Richard  
**Subject:** RE: JIC/EOC ACTION: WALL STREET JOURNAL: DEADLINE ASAP

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**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 7:02 PM  
**To:** Press; EOC Public Information  
**Cc:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Stavnes, Sandra; Mylott, Richard  
**Subject:** FW: JIC/EOC ACTION: WALL STREET JOURNAL: DEADLINE ASAP

RE: WSJ request, Sandy indicates a response is forthcoming for one of the three questions and indicates remaining questions should be answered by people on the ground.

In addition , wanted to pass along a heads-up that ANOTHER – MORE DETAILED REQUEST – is coming in shortly from the WSJ. I just received a call from Alexandra Berzon, of WSJ, who has more detailed questions RE: Superfund. Will forward as soon as it comes.

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**From:** Stavnes, Sandra

**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 4:27 PM

**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn; EOC Public Information; Press

**Cc:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard; McGrath, Shaun; Card, Joan; Hestmark, Martin; Land, Kelcey; Urdiales, Aaron; Sisk, Richard; Piggott, Amelia; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Bielenberg, Ben

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Laura

Legal enforcement is working on Q 16 and we may have something we can pass on later today or tomorrow.

Cost information is best answered by the folks on the ground at the UC/JIC. Ben Bielenberg is also available to help if needed. I just found out that there are 2 site codes for work going on at the GKM and costs associated with each. One is for the pre event work under the time critical removal and the other is for activities after the blowout and related to it.

Sandy

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**From:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn

**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 2:52 PM

**To:** EOC Public Information; Press

**Cc:** Stavnes, Sandra; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard

**Subject:** JIC/EOC ACTION: WALL STREET JOURNAL: DEADLINE ASAP

I reached out to Sandy Stavnes and she's got someone working on the 3<sup>rd</sup> question but said the first two (highlighted here in yellow) need to be answered by those on-the-ground in Durango.

14. How much have you spent approximately on this particular cleanup?

15. We've learned that this particular EPA cleanup project to plug the mines in the Animas watershed, including Gold King & Sunnyside, cost \$1.5 million and began in July. Can you confirm that?

We hope to have an answer the following question by 4:00 today:

8. The owner of Gold King mine says EPA has not held Sunnyside and Kennross Corp responsible enough for the chronic leakage and this spill. What's your response to that?

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**From:** Thomas, Latosha **On Behalf Of** EOC Public Information  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 11:28 AM  
**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn  
**Subject:** Fw: several questions // Gold King Mine  
**Importance:** High

Hi Laura,

Could you all please address questions 6, 7, 8 below? Thanks!

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**From:** Friedland, Melissa on behalf of EOC Technical Specialist  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 1:09 PM  
**To:** EOC Public Information  
**Subject:** Fw: several questions // Gold King Mine

see below

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**From:** Friedland, Melissa on behalf of EOC Technical Specialist  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 1:01 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Subject:** Re: several questions // Gold King Mine

Nancy,

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We have to ask region 8 about questions 6 , 7 and 8 which we are doing.

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**From:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 12:54 PM  
**To:** EOC Technical Specialist  
**Cc:** EOC Public Information  
**Subject:** FW: several questions // Gold King Mine

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Thanks, nancy

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**From:** Lee, Monica  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 12:48 PM

**To:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Subject:** FW: several questions // Gold King Mine  
**Importance:** High

Hey Nancy – can you help for a quick turn around on this one for the WSJ? The first question needs to be directed to the White House, and on costs

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1. ~~Will President Obama declare emergencies in the affected states to open up federal disaster funding? She'll have to ask the WH~~
2. Regarding the hiatus into similar “field investigation work,” approximately how many mines does this affect?
3. Does this hiatus just apply to hardrock mines, or other kinds too?
4. How much has EPA spent on cleaning up abandoned mines since, well, as far back as your data goes?

5. ~~Relatedly, do you have any estimates on costs to plug the rest?~~ Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

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8. The owner of Gold King mine says EPA has not held Sunnyside and Kennross Corp responsible enough for the chronic leakage and this spill. What's your response to that?

Let me know if you're able to help with the rest – thank you!

**From:** Harder, Amy [mailto:[Amy.Harder@wsj.com](mailto:Amy.Harder@wsj.com)]  
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**To:** Reynolds, Thomas; Purchia, Liz; Harrison, Melissa  
**Subject:** RE: several questions // Gold King Mine

Hi Tom, Liz and Melissa, I'm circling back on this. Our broader story is set to be published later this afternoon. I realize you guys have been swamped, but could you at least shed some light on the funding questions? And/or give us the last decade of data that this EPA website has for 1993-2005?

A response at your earliest convenience would be much appreciated.

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**From:** Harder, Amy  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 8:01 AM  
**To:** 'Reynolds, Thomas'; 'Purchia, Liz'; 'Harrison, Melissa'  
**Subject:** several questions // Gold King Mine

Hi Tom, Liz and Melissa,

Thank you for answering all my questions in the last couple of days. I have a few more questions, not surprisingly. A couple of these I pinged you about yesterday, but I imagine they got lost in the shuffle.

It might be best if you could put us on the phone to talk through some of these questions, though I realize it's an all hands on deck kind of situation right now for you all, so perhaps tomorrow might be better. In any case, would you be able to get back to us on these as soon as you're able? These are questions from me, Dan Frosch in Colorado and Alexandra Berzon based in L.A. We're the main reporters working on this. I can be reached on my cell phone today at 202.906.9629.

Thanks much.

9. Will President Obama declare emergencies in the affected states to open up federal disaster funding?
10. Regarding the hiatus into similar "field investigation work," approximately how many mines does this affect?
11. Does this hiatus just apply to hardrock mines, or other kinds too?
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Best,

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